

A Happy, Prosperous New Year to Democrat readers wherever they may be.

UNRESTRAINED LABORATORY

Featured Meeting of Dads Tuesday Night and War Spirit Was Rampant.

Merzelina Park People Offer the Town Land for Boulevard Purposes.

It was a rather noisy affair—the regular meeting of the city dads last Tuesday night—with threats by a couple members of council to overtake the law and put one over the Lake Erie and Western Railroad company by laying the city water mains into Merzelina Park, and loud and very personal remarks by Village Treasurer Geo. Kistler, directed at the representative of The Democrat in attendance at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor P. E. Kenney, with all councilmen at their accustomed desks with the exception of Mr. LeBlond.

After the usual opening routine Treasurer Geo. Kistler, very hot under the collar at The Democrat, read to council a portion of this paper's report of the meeting of council on the 13th inst., which quoted council as handling the Treasurer rather roughly and instructing him to deposit his money in the city depositories in a lump sum and not as separate funds, and by condemnation of the presiding officer of the meeting, for better than a quarter of an hour, was permitted to vent his spleen upon The Democrat's representative instead of addressing council upon the question that seemed to irritate him.

After digesting the article in The Democrat reporting the councilmanic doling referred to, Mr. Kistler read from an ancient report of one of the State examiners, commending him upon the manner in which he kept his books and funds. He followed this by telling council he was willing to pay back the money the banks got and the village was out as the result of the methods in his office permitting interest to the banks on the overdrawn funds, if council thought it was right and proper he should do so.

The only stir, however, was a call from the outside for the Marshal.

Council, instead of telling Mr. Kistler then, as they had instructed him to be informed at the previous meeting (at which he was not present), that he must keep the money in his hands and deposit the money in the village depositories in a lump sum, backed water, and said he should refuse to accept or honor any orders when there was not sufficient money in that particular fund to pay the bill. That is a plain business method that should have been followed by the Treasurer in first place, putting it up to council to see that the funds were replenished or nothing doing, and the stink that has just been fumed would never have had an opportunity to rise.

Councilmen Have Blood in Their Eyes

J. E. Hamburger, of the Celina Realty Co., then spoke about the water-works extension into Merzelina Park and the order recently granted the Lake Erie and Western railroad, restraining the town from making the extension.

Here the visitors were again entertained by foolhardy suggestions on the part of Councilmen Meyer and Schuchack that the people of the town should take the matter in hand and some night or Sunday dig the dirt across the Lake Erie tracks and lay the water line before the railroad officials knew what had transpired.

Nolleitor Johnson and Mayor Kenney argued for some time against such procedure and finally succeeded in having a motion passed tendering the Lake Erie one hundred dollars to recompense for any damage the road might sustain in extending the water line beneath its tracks.

The collector was then instructed to have the street crossing into Merzelina Park condemned unless the company refused to accept the hundred dollars.

Street Commissioner Galt Re-employed

The Clerk read two applications for the job of Street Commissioner—one from Street Commissioner Barney Galt and the other from Frank A. Galt. The clerk after a short secret session on the applications recommended Mr. Galt for reappointment, and he was then appointed for one year by Mayor Kenney at \$75 per month. He had asked for extra pay for Sunday work, but this was also refused.

Clerk Winter was then empowered to appoint an assistant clerk for the ensuing year at same salary as heretofore allowed, Councilman Schuchack voting no on the motion.

Merzelina Park People Seek Street Extension

Messrs. Brands and Boos of the Celina Realty Co. were present at the meeting in behalf of the Merzelina Park company, asking council to accept a plat deeding a street to the town along the north side of the park, from Cherry to Butler streets, to give them an additional exit from the park. This would make a nice driveway and do away with the congestion of people and vehicles at the main entrance during the Chautauqua season. It will mean the extension of Warren and Buckley streets across the Lake Erie tracks and necessitate the putting in of two crossings by the railroad.

Council was not ready to take up the matter, for the reason that the collector had not thoroughly investigated the matter, and the meeting adjourned until to-morrow, when the matter will be taken up and finally threshed out.

—Vernon Vining left last Sunday for Kansas City, Mo., to attend a national meeting of a college fraternity.

—Mrs. Walter Pfeiffer and children, of Dunkirk, O., are here for several weeks' visit with their parents, Jeweler J. W. McKee, and her sister, Mrs. C. H. Howick.

—B. F. Scheels, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., was here over Christmas, the guest of his wife at the home of her mother, Mrs. Wm. Cron.

Notice of Election

There will be a meeting of lot owners of North Grove Cemetery on Monday, January 2, 1911, at the Commercial Bank, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock, to elect a trustee for five years and a treasurer for one year.

GOOD GAS WELL IN MONTEZUMA FIELD

With Good Showing of High-Grade Oil, Starts the Drilling Fever.

Henry Kloterman, of Franklin township, who was in town yesterday, made this office a brief business call. He reports considerable interest being received in the field in his neighborhood by the rich find of oil and gas in a well drilled in for the Sheeleys, east of Montezuma, this week. Mr. Kloterman says the showing of oil has started an old-time fever, and that the oil of this well is of the finest grade the state has ever seen.

Mr. Kloterman, his brothers and a couple of neighbors are now putting down a well, and if they meet with the success that accompanied the drill on the Sheeleys, there is bound to be a boom in Franklin qualling that of almost any other town.

CUPID'S VICTIMS

Henry McClellan Brandon, of Portersville, Cal., a former Mercer County man, and Miss Rachel Gales, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gales, residing a few miles west of this city, were married at the Friends parsonage Christmas morning, Rev. A. M. Harvey officiating. The Democrat joins with their host of friends in extending felicitations.

Henry L. Leininger and Miss Lucile Loree, prominent young people of Liberty township, were wedded at noon Christmas day at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Loree, Rev. A. M. Harvey performing the ceremony making them husband and wife. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Theobald Leininger.

Joseph E. Hinton, a well known young pedagogue of Liberty township, and Miss Golda M. Shielabarger, were united in marriage at the home of the bride, in Dublin township, Christmas evening, Rev. A. M. Harvey tying the nuptial knot.

C. E. Irelan and Miss Ethel McClure, well known young Blackrock township people, were married by Rev. Chas. Bennett, of St. Paul's Church, in this city, last Saturday morning. The young couple expect to make their future home on a farm near Berne, Ind., but for the present will reside with the groom's parents.

Wm. E. Aller, of Bellefontaine, O., and Miss Hazel L. Stemen, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Stemen of this city, were united in marriage at the Celina Circuit M. E. parsonage last Friday, Rev. L. Rice officiating. They will make their home at Bellefontaine.

Harry Imboden, a well known farmer of Jay County, Indiana, and Mrs. Fanny M. Miller were wedded on the 22nd at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dibble, in Center township. Rev. L. Rice performed the marriage service. They will be at home to their friends near Geneva.

Town Topics

Your old Bryan dollars still taken on subscription at this office.

The local order of Eagles initiated a class of eight candidates last Tuesday night. Following the initiation work a banquet and smoker was enjoyed.

Mrs. Clara Waters, of Hopewell township, is suffering from a paralytic stroke, affecting the brain, sustained last Friday night at the home of her son-in-law, Robert Gardner.

Roy Sheels, of Center Township, was fined \$5 and costs in Squire Short's court Wednesday morning, after he pleaded guilty to an affidavit filed by J. B. Petrie, charging him with assault.

Manager T. B. Clark of the Western Union Telegraph Co., and family, who have been living in the J. W. DeFord property, North Main street, have moved into Mr. Clark's own property on East Fulton street.

Mrs. Wm. Cron was stricken with apoplexy last week ago yesterday and for a while her life was despaired of. After being unconscious for several hours, however, she rallied and is now improving nicely.

E. P. Jackson, of Mendon, has purchased the house moving outfit of Grant Karr and will move to this city in the near future. Mr. Karr has followed the business for the past 21 years and in that time has moved over 1,500 buildings.

F. P. Miller received two messages last Saturday that cast a gloom over his Christmas—one announcing the killing of his brother-in-law, Sebastian Herb, by a T. & O. C. train at Columbus, and the other the probable fatal injury of his brother, Peter Miller, at his home at Dalton City, Ill.

H. A. Jewett, proprietor of the Oakwood Farm Dairy, east of this city, informs us that, beginning about the 15th of January, he will install the bottle system in his milk delivery. He is now installing one of the best bottle fillers made, with a paraffine cap for sealing and the latest approved bottle washer.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Johnson, of Columbus, are guests of the former's parents, Senator and Mrs. J. D. Johnson.

—Dr. and Mrs. John Johnson, of Springfield, are here for an extended visit with their mothers, Meadams L. N. Johnson and S. A. Armstrong. Dr. Johnson is contemplating locating at Lima.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goggin are moving into the Dr. Ayers property on East Anthony street.

RECORD OF 1910

The Events of the World in Paragraphs.

AVIATION ACHIEVEMENTS.

A Summary of Affairs at Home and Abroad — Miscellaneous Happenings — Explosions — Storms and Shipwrecks — Games and Races.

POLITICAL AND PERSONAL

JANUARY.

1. Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, removed by President Taft.

FEBRUARY.

1. Herbert Gladstone, whose father, W. E. Gladstone, "the great commoner," twice declined a seat in the house of lords, elevated to the peerage.

MARCH.

1. Ex-President Roosevelt reached Khartoum, Sudan, after his trip to Africa.

2. The British house of lords passed the notorious Liberal budget bill.

APRIL.

1. Premier Asquith's resolutions limiting the veto power of the house of lords carried in the house of commons by a majority of 103.

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MAY.

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2. Ex-Governor Charles E. Hughes took the oath of office as justice of the United States supreme court at Washington.

3. Crown Prince Chawta Maha Vajiravudh, who visited this country in 1902, proclaimed king of Siam.

NOVEMBER.

1. Insults to the American flag in the City of Mexico. American citizens attacked.

2. Democratic landslide in several states in state elections and a Democratic house of representatives in congress returned. Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey elected Democratic governors to succeed Republican governors, and Ohio re-elected a Democratic governor.

3. President Taft sailed from Charleston on the cruiser Tennessee on an official visit to the republic of Panama and the canal zone.

4. President Taft addressed the Panamanian assembly and declared that there would be no annexation of the republic of Panama to the United States.

5. President Taft reached Fort Monroe on his return trip from Panama. Revolutionary uprisings and some fighting in several cities of Mexico.

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DECEMBER.

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2. The last session of the first congress opened.

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4. Associate Justice Edward Douglass White of the United States supreme court appointed chief justice. Judge Willis Van Devanter of Wyoming and Judge J. R. Lamar of Georgia nominated associate justices.

NATURE'S MOODS.

JANUARY.

1. The river Seine exceeded high water mark in Paris, endangering the city and paralyzing traffic.

2. Rising of the waters of the Seine in Paris checked by the cessation of rain; 9 square miles inundated; loss estimated over \$500,000.

FEBRUARY.

1. Eruption of volcano Poas, Costa Rica, destroyed 50 lives.

2. Over 50 deaths in snowslides in the mountains of northern Idaho.

MARCH.

1. About 100 deaths from snowslides in the mountains of Washington.

2. Snowslide in Rogers pass, British Columbia, caused the loss of upward of 50 lives.

APRIL.

1. Violent snowstorm, wind and freezing temperature caused destruction of budding fruits in the central lake region, extending south to Tennessee.

MAY.

1. Earthquake in Costa Rica; province of Cartago nearly destroyed; estimated loss of life over 5,000.

2. Earthquake shocks in California.

3. Earthquake shocks at Los Angeles and vicinity.

4. The earth passed through the tail of Halley's comet at 10:17 p. m., New York time.

5. Violent earthquake shook at Salt Lake City.

JUNE.

1. Cloudburst wiped out several villages in eastern Hungary and destroyed about 200 lives.

2. Destructive earthquake in southern Italy; upward of 100 deaths.

3. Cloudburst in the Abr valley, Prussia, destroyed 150 lives.

4. Windstorm caused death of 12 people in New York city.

JULY.

1. 60 persons killed and hundreds injured by a tornado near Milan, Italy.

AUGUST.

1. Flood in Tokyo destroyed over 3,000 houses and shops and over 1,000 lives.

2. A fierce storm swept over Europe, causing a heavy loss of life on the English coast and on the Baltic.

3. A hurricane caused widespread devastation in Cuba.

4. A West India hurricane struck the coasts of Florida and South Carolina.

THE DEATH ROLL

People Who Passed Away in 1910.

EDWARD VII. A VICTIM.

Renowned Authors, Famous Artists, Distinguished Statesmen and Rulers and Noted Soldiers on the List—All Ranks Levelled.

OBITUARY

JANUARY.

1. Charles W. Morse, convicted New York banker, began a 15 year sentence in the United States penitentiary at Atlanta.

2. The organized volunteer militia of the United States became a permanent adjunct of the regular army establishment by the operation of the Dick law.

3. John R. Walsh, convicted Chicago banker, began serving his 5 year term in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan.

4. Indictment of the New York World in the Panama libel case quashed in the United States circuit court in New York.

FEBRUARY.

1. Edward Payson Weston started from Los Angeles, Cal., on his walk to New York.

2. The Connecticut "hatters' boycott" case decided in favor of the plaintiffs, with an award of damages against the individuals who instituted the boycott amounting to \$125.00.

3. Strike of the street car men began in Philadelphia.

4. Rioting in Philadelphia due to the car men's strike resulted in the death of five people; 100 injured.

5. The Nicaraguan revolutionists defeated at Masagua, losing 800 in all.

MARCH.

1. General walkout in Philadelphia to aid striking street car men.

2. Nicholas Tschakovsky, Russian revolutionist, acquitted on charge of criminal activity.

3. State-wide strike declared in Pennsylvania in sympathy with the Philadelphia car men's strike.

4. George Cannon, cousin of Leroy Cannon, American, who was executed by Zulus, hanged for conspiracy at Co. Pretoria.

JUNE.

1. Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt welcomed in New York on his return from his African and European trip.

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THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Joseph Webb, a well known and highly respected pioneer lady, died at her home near Mercer last Tuesday evening after an illness of but a few days, aged 77 years. Her demise was due principally to the infirmities of old age. Mrs. Webb was born in Miami County, this state, where she was wedded fifty-three years ago. She is survived by her aged husband and two daughters—Mrs. Frank Hyre, of Spencer, and Mrs. F. S. Foster, of near Rockford. The funeral takes place from the home this morning, with interment at North Grove Cemetery, this city.

Mrs. Catherine Well, aged 81, widow of the late John Well, well known in the west part of this county, died at the home of her sons in Jay County, near the State line, last Monday morning. Her death was due to the infirmities of old age. Funeral services took place Wednesday, and burial at State Line Cemetery.

"THE CALL OF THE WILD"

Appearance of Woodruff To-Morrow Night in Leading Role Eagerly Anticipated.

Franklin Woodruff, in that beautiful dramatic version of Frederic Remond's novel, "John Ermine of the Yellowstone," will be the attraction at the City Opera-house to-morrow (Saturday) night.

In writing it the author bore in mind but one requirement, the necessity for a pure, wholesome story of convincing power, and positive appeal to the best evidence is the favor with which the play has been received everywhere it has been produced. It shows the highest principle a mortal can com-

mand—duty. About and around the central theme is woven a mass of brilliant actions and situations, and a climax which is irresistible in its appeal to the better spirit of mankind, and is a success because it is true and faithful, and touches only upon the best instincts of men and women. All the scenes are laid in the picturesque and primitive region of the Yellowstone beyond the outposts of civilization, in uppermost Wyoming.

Mr. Woodruff promises a strong presenting company and a scenic and costume environment commensurate with so ambitious a production, and as John Ermine, a young scout, Mr. Woodruff has the finest role of his career as a star, and his local appearance will be one of the most important events of the present season.

Regular prices. Secure seats at Riley's now.

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2. Darius Ogden Mills, banker and capitalist, at San Francisco; aged 84.

3. Francesco Di Paola Salotti, noted cardinal, in Rome.

4. Gen. Newton Martin Curtis, "hero of Fort Fisher," in New York city; aged 74.

5. Ezra Kendall, well known comedian, at Martineville, Ind.; aged 61.

FEBRUARY.

1. George Holland, the actor, in Philadelphia; aged 64.

2. Neil Burgess, the actor, in New York city; aged 54.

3. Clay Clement, actor, in Kansas City, Mo.; aged 47.

MARCH.

1. Don Jose Domingo de Obaldia, president of the republic of Panama, at Panama; aged 65.

2. Louis James, actor, at Helena, Mont.; aged 65.

3. Thomas Collier Platt, former United States senator from New York and a noted political leader, in New York city; aged 77.

4. Jake Schaefer, noted billiard player, at Denver.

5. Phil Daly, noted gambler, at Long Branch, N. J.

6. Tom Brown, famous English illustrator, in London; aged 82.

7. David Josiah Brewer, associate justice of the United States supreme court, in Washington; aged 73.

8. Alexander Agassiz, naturalist, son of the celebrated Louis Agassiz of Harvard university, at sea; aged 65.

9. Menelik II, king of Abyssinia; aged 61.

APRIL.

1. Robert W. Patterson, president of the Chicago Tribune company, in Philadelphia; aged 61.

2. Professor William Graham Sumner, social scientist of Yale, at Englewood, N. J.; aged 70.

3. Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain), the author, at Redding, Conn.; aged 72.

4. Mortimer Blyson, famous Norwegian novelist, poet, playwright and patriot, in Paris; aged 73.

5. Gen. E. A. Alexander, noted Confederate general and writer on the civil war, at Savannah, Ga.; aged 75.

MAY.

1. Gen. J. P. S. Goble, civil war veteran and national guard commander, at Lebanon, Pa.; aged 72.

2. Nord Alexis, deceased president of Haiti, at Kingston, Jamaica; aged about 80.

3. Edward VII. of England, at Buckingham palace; aged 69.

4. Pauline Viardot, French singer, in Paris.

5. Garcia, sister of the late Manuel Garcia and, like him, a noted opera singer, in Paris.

6. Dr. Robert Koch, noted bacteriologist, discoverer of a consumption cure, at Baden-Baden; aged 67.

JUNE.

1. Edward Jenkins, English editor and writer, author of the sensational political pamphlet "Gin's Baby," in London; aged 72.

2. Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, pioneer woman physician in England and the United States, in London; aged 89.

3. William Sydney Porter, novelist known as "O. Henry," in New York city; aged 70.

4. Prof. Goldwin Smith, Anglo-American author and educator, at Toronto; aged 77.

5. John Austin Stevens, founder of the Sons of the Revolution, at Newport, R. I.; aged 83.

6. Henry Neville, noted actor and dramatist, in London.